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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 9, 2006, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 7.

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It is believed that no extensions of time or fees are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Hewlett-Packard Development Company's deposit account no. 08-2025.